GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1643
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2002
SALE OF STATIONERY
ARUN KUMAR;PRABHUNATH SINGH;RAGHUNATH JHA;RAMJI MANJHI;RENU KUMARI SINGH;SHEESH RAM SINGH RAVI

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for monoplising the sale of stationery and other items by the Kendriya Bhandar etc. on the ground of DOP & AR dated July 14, 1981;

(b) the procedure adopted in this regard before the issue of the said O.M.;

(c) whether there is any proposal to withdraw the said OM to bring in competition in the purchases; and

(d) if so, the time by which the OM. is likely to be withdrawn into?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND M OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE. (SMT.VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a)&(b): To give boost to Co-operative movement Department of Personnel & Training issued an O.M dated 14.7.1981 outlining the guidelines to various Central Government Departments/Offices etc. to make purchases of stationery and other items from the Consumer Cooperative Society namely Kendriya Bhandar, Super Bazarand NCCF which are subject tostatutory supervision and control by the Registrar of Cooperative Societies etc. it was felt that these Cooperative Societies were the most suitable agencies for supply of consumer goods etc. at fair and reasonable prices. There is no monopoly as the Government Departments/Offices have the choice to purchase their requirements from one of these three Consumer Cooperative Stores.

Prior to issue of this O.M. the Government Departments/Offices were following the procedure laid down in the General Financial Rules.

(c)&(d): The O.M. dated 14.7. 1981 (as amended) is being reviewed and final decision is expected to be taken shortly.